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Qui ſit Mæcænas, ut nemo, quam ſibi ſortem
Seu ratio dederit, ſeu fors objecerit, illa
Contentus vivat.———Hor. Serm. l. 1:

Grub-ſtreet, Jan. 20. 1731.

OF all the various employments and amuſements in which mankind is daily engaged, none has ſo much increaſed the numbers of our Society as Poetry. We are all taught promiſcuouſly at ſchool to make verſes: and thoſe who never went to ſchool at all, are generally perſuaded in their own minds, that they are born Poets. Hence the cities and liberties of London and Weſtminſter abound with profeſſors of this art. Every ward has its Bellman, who not only awakens his worthy Maſters and Miſtreſſes out of their midnight ſleep, with the harmony of his bell and numbers; but alſo makes them an annual preſent of a great ſheet of his works in rhime. Every company of the trained bands has its Marſhal, who ſalutes his Gentlemen-ſoldiers every Chriſtmas, in verſe, as pompous as the order in which he leads them forth every ſummer to take the field. Every ſtreet rings with ballads: the Royal Palace reſounds with odes: and every church-yard is filled with the productions of our Members. Wit, which was thought to be ſetting in the weſt, is riſen again in the eaſt. A new theatre has been erected in Goodman's-fields: and the late extenſion of the Royal bounty to STEPHEN DUCK has given birth to new Poets, in a corner of the town, the moſt remote from the ſun-ſhine of the Court. We lately mentioned an ode to the King, written by an Attorney in Spittle-fields; and have ſince ſeen a miſcellany of Poems by a poor Weaver in the ſame neighbourhood. An Attorney indeed turning Poet can have no other bad effect, than ſtunning our ears, and tiring our patience. But to have the fields lie neglected, and the loom forſaken, is a melancholy proſpect; and looks as if we ſhould in time have neither bread to eat, nor cloaths to put on. The poor Weaver has been tempted to neglect his buſineſs, by STEPHEN DUCK's good fortune, as he himſelf plainly tells us in the introduction to his miſcellany.

Thy fortune, DUCK, *affects my kinde'd mind.*

And a little after;

Muſe try thy voice in CAROLINA's praiſe.
Britannia's Queen the *Muſe's* cauſe maintains;
And *Royal Bounty* crowns the *Threſher's pains.*
Impartial as the Sun, altho' ſhe ſmile
On ev'ry publick Genius in our Iſle;
Yet, loth to theſe her favours to confine,
She bids obſcure deſert appear, and ſhine.
By her enroll'd in books of *endleſs fame,*
Ages to come ſhall read the ruſtick name,
Nor ſhall the QUEEN the gen'rous labour loſe,
Who lends her hand to liſt the lowly Muſe;
The Poet ſhall convey to future days,
The gen'rous action, and the doer's praiſe.
Fain would I too the noble theme rehearſe,
And to his labours add my feeble verſe.

Far be it from me to preſume to direct her Majeſty in the diſpoſal of her favours. But was I ſo happy as to have the ear of that liberal Princeſs, I would humbly beg leave to repreſent to her, that the beſt way to encourage the Weaver, would be conſtantly to wear the manufacture of Great Britain; and the moſt ſuitable encouragement to the Threſher, would be to give him a ſmall farm in the country; and to lay both under an abſolute reſtraint, never more to write a line in rhyme or meaſure.

There is one thing I cannot but wonder at: that the ſtars ſhould have a poetical influence. Certain it is, that there is ſcarce a ſingle writer of an almanack, who has not claimed a place in our Society, by his poetry. Mr. PARKER is very entertaining in this way: his Regal table in verſe is ſomething extraordinary.

Eight Henry's, twice 3 Edwards, and one Stephen,
Have on the Engliſh throne been plac'd by Heaven;
Three Williams, Richards three, Eliza's one,
Have in their turns ſupported Albion's crown:
One John, two Charles's, two James's, Mary's two,
Have alſo rul'd the throne, and bid adieu.
Two George's have grac'd the throne, and one ANNE,
All deem'd the beſt of princes *to a man.*

His Chronology in rhime is no leſs to be eſteemed; and it being too long to be here inſerted, I muſt beg leave to refer the reader to the book it ſelf. The verſes on the 12 ſigns in WEAVER are excellent.

The head and face the Ram doth rule,
The Bull claims neck and throat:
The arms and ſhoulders fall to th' Twins,
The Crab for the breaſt doth vote.
The Lion governs heart and back,
The Maid for the bowels calls:
The Balance tries both reins and loins,
Secrets to the Scorpion falls.
The ſhooting Horſe ſways both the thighs,
The knees the Goat doth greet;
The Water-bearer owns the legs;
And the Fiſhes guide the feet.

But theſe, I think, are exceeded by thoſe beautiful lines on the ſame ſubject, in PEARSE.

The Ram, the ram doth ſtill governs the head,
The Neck and the throat, the Bull it is ſed:
The Arms and the hands the Twins they command
On the ſtomach and breaſt, the Crab takes his reſt.
The Lion to's part claims both back and heart.
The Virgin loves ſtill her belly to fill.
The reins and bright loins the Ballance ſtill claims.
The ſecret is ſtill at Scorpion's will.
The Archer contrives to guide hip and thighs.
The knees attend on Capricorn their friend.
The legs tries to give Aquarius a prize.
The Fiſhes deſcend the feet, ſo I'll end.

Mr. PEARSE is indeed every whit as good a Poet, I believe as an aſtrologer. In his *monthly obſervations* on October he has the following fine tetraſtich on this theme, *Re opitulandum, non verbis.*

Fair words may ſeem to make a mighty ſputter,
But unto Parſnips never yields no butter.
Therefore take care what divers perſons ſay,
Leſt near their tongues there ſhould a ſerpent lay.

His concluſion is admirable.

Farewel ſtout Mars, and nimble Mercury,
Old Saturn's leaden heels I do defy:
Venus come next, and ſhew thy comely part,
Sol lend thy light, and Luna in the dark,
That Jove may ſee his courſe right well to ſteer,
My leave I'll take until another year.
Now to conclude (my prayer before and then)
God bleſs our King and Country. Amen.

But ſtill, of all theſe, none comes up, in my opinion, to that † noble flight of Mr. TRIGGE.

The *ba'd-pate* trees are *perriwig'd* with ſnow,
Which Nature from the *hide-bound* clouds let's go.

To make the *hide-bound clouds* ſtrain out *perriwigs* to cover the *bald pate trees* is a figure worthy of our LAUREATE himſelf; and I beg leave to recommend it to his uſe againſt next new year.

To conclude, I know not how it is that ſuch numbers of almoſt every profeſſion have an inclination to write: and am afraid this ſo univerſal a humour will too much increaſe our Society. We ſhall, perhaps, at laſt find our ſelves under the ſame neceſſity with the Royal Society, to find out ſome expedient to diſcourage people from coming amongſt us. That learned body having obſerved the general propenſity of mankind to be accounted philoſophers; and finding themſelves increaſe to too unweildy a bulk, from a redundance of this humour have, with great prudence, obliged all future Candidates to be poſted up for 10 weeks, before they are capable of being elected. It might not be amiſs, if our Society would oblige all their Candidates to enter their pretenſions in this Paper, that the world might be appriſed of their profund abilities, before they were admitted amongſt us. One thing I muſt blame in the new ſtatute of the Royal Society, that they ſeem to expect all their Members to be Authors. This, I fear, will cauſe ſome claſhing between our two bodies. And it would be well if an agreement were made between us, that no perſon ſhould be a Member of both Societies at the ſame time. We are ready to receive many of their preſent Members with open arms, as ſoon as they ſhall give up their fellowſhip in that Society; and hope, that for the future, they will order no memoir to be printed in their Tranſactions, which all mankind will judge more properly to belong to this Paper.

† This noble flight *is a very cloſe imitation of* 2 *lines in* SYLVESTER's Tranſlation of Du Bartus.

To glaze the fields, and bridle up the floods,
And *perriwig with ſnow the bald pate* woods.

To the learned Mr. BAVIUS.

SIR, *Cambridge, Jan.* 14, 1731.

I remember that ſome months ago notice was taken in your Paper of a new draught of Clare-Hall, publiſhed here, wherein the Sun was made to ſhine from the North. Now I humbly beg leave to be informed, where the Sun was, when the draught of Magdalen College, in the Oxford Almanack of this year, was taken? in doing which you will much oblige,

Sir, your very humble ſervant, O. R.

I ſuppoſe the ingenious deſigner of that Almanack, intended to repreſent the great quantity of time likely to paſs, before the new Court of Magdalen College is to be built. The Sun being, after ſome ages, according to the opinion of ſome ancient Philoſophers, to riſe in the weſt, as he has done more than once already. Beſides, ſuch ingenious perſons, as build Caſtles in the Air, are not confined to obſerve the vulgar appearances of Nature.

Dear Brother BAVY,

I Am not a little pleas'd with your obſervations on Mr. CIBBER's *New year's Ode.* It was generouſly done of you to vindicate a Member, who is too modeſt to ſpeak for himſelf. Certain it is, that never was Author under greater obligations to exert himſelf. So unexpectedly raiſed to ſo high a dignity, ſo envied by all the Wits; no wonder he has herein *out-done his uſual out-doings.* Tho' I have little to ſay, you will accept as a token of my reſpect to that worthy Gentleman, the following

Gleanings of Obſervations on laſt New-year's Ode.

Line 9. *Each* [ſeaſon] *to the winter's wants their ſtores ſhall bring,*
'Till warmer genial Suns recall the ſpring.

Againſt this there is a clamour of obſcurity and impropriety. For an eclairciſſement therefore let it be obſerved, that this thought, ſtript of its embelliſhments, amounts to no more than this very intelligible propoſition: *Spring, ſummer, autumn ſhall yield their ſtores, for the ſupply of our wants in winter, till ſpring return.* But then it is objected, What ſhall we do 'till harveſt? I anſwer, that notwithſtanding your prognoſtication from the Author's 7th line, that harveſt will be this year in ſummer; it is plain, beyond contradiction, from this, that it will be in ſpring. For if the ſtores are but to laſt till ſpring; they muſt then be recruited, or the plenty, for which the Poet calls forth all our gratitude, cannot be ſo conſiderable as he is pleaſed to repreſent it in the following words: '*Ye grate-*
'*ful Britons bleſs the year, &c.* —— The little cavils againſt the phraſe [*Each ſeaſon ſhall bring* THEIR *ſtores* TO *the winter's want*] are not worth regarding: Mr. CIBBER's authority will make it current.

35. *In vain through ages paſt has Phœbus roll'd,*
E're ſuch a ſight bleſt Albion could behold.

As what? you'll ſay: Why, as Majeſty and Beauty on the throne. And, till this ſight appear'd, none will diſpute but that Phœbus roll'd in vain. Well therefore might the Poet, on ſuch a conjuncture, break out into the following exclamation:

'*Thrice happy mortals! if your ſtate you knew:*
'*Where does the globe ſo bleſt a nation ſhew?*

41. *Let faction, then, her ſelf-born views lay down.* Here it is objected, that all views are ſelf-born (i. e. that all deſigns are form'd within the mind that has them,) and that therefore there is no force in the epithet. I acknowledge it: but that, no doubt, is an erratum; and, in juſtice to the Author, ought to be read *ſelfiſh.*

46. *'Till Suns themſelves ſhall fail.* Here you read *Sons:* becauſe the ſenſe, as you obſerve, is better. So it would ſeem indeed: but I cannot entirely agree with you, that the Poet ſo deſign'd it. For, tho' your imagination

was never transported to such an hyperbolical rapture, it it is possible Mr. CIBBER might with, in a literal sense, that the King might live as long as the ever-circling Sun should endure. Yours, &c. BAVIUS.

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Post-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Post.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Post.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*
C. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 14.

Yesterday his Highness the Duke, being much recovered, appeared at the Drawing-Room, and received the compliments from the several Nobility, &c. *C.*

Last night his R. Highness the Prince had a private Ball for a particular sett of Quality, at Mr. Heydegger's in the Hay-market. *P.* A Ball at the Theatre in the Hay-market, for the entertainment of divers Persons of Quality and Distinction, which held till 5 this morning. *L E.*

Monday morning the corpse of the Lady Dolben was carried out of Town to be interred at Findon in Northamptonshire: Sir John has had the misfortune to lose 4 Sons besides, within 8 months. *C. D P.*

Tuesday night Mrs. Goodchild, a Linnen-draper's Wife at Charing-cross, went into the Laundry-room, where the maid was ironing, and had a great fire: she sent the maid down, and soon after one of the men smelling fire, ran up stairs, and found all the cloaths in the room on fire, and Mrs. Goodchild miserably burnt. The fire was soon extinguished; and a Doctor and Surgeon immediately sent for, but she died in a few hours *C.* At the 3 Nuns. *P.* Two hours. *D P.* Her unhappy husband has remained speechless ever since. The deceased was 7 months gone in her pregnancy. *L E.*

Tuesday died at Richmond —— Sewell, Esq; First Clerk in the Six Clerks Office. *P.*

The rev. Mr. Bundy, Chap. in ordinary to his Majesty, is presented to the Living of Chipping Barnet in Hertfordshire. And yesterday Mr. Craner was chosen Lecturer of S. Mildred's Bread-street, by a majority of 14 votes. *D P.*

The Messengers strong room in Whitehall, that in the reign of K. Charles II. was appointed for the reception of Prisoners of state, has been newly beautify'd and repair'd, &c. *Ibid.* —— *I hope, not* for the reception *of any of our Members.*

Monday Mrs. Dodd the Publisher, &c. was admitted to bail; as were Mr. Franklin and Mrs. Nutt on Tuesday, and Mrs. Smith yesterday. *D J.*

Saturday the 2 Sheriffs distributed a very considerable sum to the poor Prisoners confined for debt in Wood-street Compter. *Ibid.*

Monday Edw. Kynaston, L. L. D. Fellow of All-Souls, Oxon. was made Commissary to the Dean and Chapter of S. Paul's. *E P. S J. W E.* Dr. Kenistion. *L E.* —— Last saturday the rev. Mr. Batty, Author of a famous sermon concerning *The Divine Mission of the Gospel Ministers*, was found dead in his chambers at Exeter College, Oxon. of which he was a Fellow. *S J. W E.*

The Office of Woodreeve to the A. B. of Canterbury is given to his Grace's Son in law, Will Churchill, Esq; *E P. S J. W E.* —— The rev. Dr. King, Master of the Charter-house is gone to France for the recovery of his health. *E P. W E.* —— Saturday the ground was measured from Hyde-Park corner to Windsor Lodge, which proved to be 20 miles and 1 furlong. *E P.*

The swelling which the Lady Diana Spencer had in her neck for many years, which had baffled the utmost efforts of many English, as well as Foreign Physicians and Surgeons, is now almost cured by a Clerk to a Brew-house. *S J.*

'Tis confirmed that No. 17,267 is drawn the great prize of 50,000 guilders in the Utrecht lottery, and belongs to a Person, in London, &c. *S J* In *C.* and *D J. Jan.* 15. —— *In our* Journal, No. 53. *I intimated to my Brethren, how acceptable it would be to the Public to mention the name of this* Person: *but they still think it of more consequence to mention only the place where the ticket was procured.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 15.

We hear the Lord Raymond will continue L. C. Justice of the King's-Bench. *C. D P.*

Yesterday the L. Duplin, accompany'd with several Persons of distinction, arrived in Town from his travels beyond sea: from whence, we hear, he has brought a fine collection of Medals, and other valuable curiosities. *C.*

The same morning a child about a year and half old was left upon the stairs at No. 24, in Clement's-Inn. *P.*

His Majesty hath ordered a pension of 20 l. per ann. to be settled on such of the late King's livery servants as are superannuated, &c. *D P.*

Mr. Wm. Whorwood, Alphabet Keeper to the Foreign Office in the Gen. Post-Office, lately dead, is succeeded by Mr. Allan Lavalade, a Clerk in that Office. *D J.*

A Waterman of Thames Ditton having received a gun to carry to London to be mended, charged it, in order to shoot some fowl on the river. But his Boy taking it to carry it to the boat, and thinking it not charged, met a young man, who saying, Who made you a Gunner? the Boy presented the piece, and shot him dead. *D J.*

Wednesday morning Mary Harvey, alias Macaig, broke out of the King's-Bench prison, &c. several other Prisoners escaped with her. *Ibid.*

An inhabitant of Gravely near Huntingdon, aged 63, was taken *Dec.* 26. in committing a rape on a Girl of no more than 11; which, 'tis said, is not his first crime of that nature. *D P.*

Yesterday morning a Woman was found dead in a field at Hoxton; a piece of a knife was sticking in her head, and a knife under her left ear, which was very much cut. She was a Market-woman, and had been the evening before at a publick house in Hoxton with her reputed Husband, and went with him from thence about 8. *Ibid.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 16.

Thursday night, one Chapel, under Beadle at the London Work-house, was committed to Newgate, on suspicion of having murdered a Woman in the fields near Hoxton, &c. *C. P.* John Chappel, formerly Porter, and now School-master, to the Work-house in Bishopsgate-street, &c. *D J. The Whitehall Evening Post tells us*, that the Woman was big with child, and had had 2 children before by John Chapile.

Yesterday at a Gen. Court-Martial of the 21 Regiment of Guards, 4 private Centinels were sentenced to be shot for desertion. *P.*

Last night a child about 2 months old was left upon the stairs at No. 24. in Clement's Inn. It is remarkable, that there a was a child left in the same place the night before. *Ibid.*

Thursday part of the E. of Chesterfield's baggage, and some servants, arrived from the Hague, who brought advice that his Lordship was detained there for some days, on affairs of importance. *C.*

We hear his Majesty hath declared his intention of residing mostly at Hampton-Court next summer. *D P.*

Extract of a Letter from Frome *in* Somersetshire. —— A child near this place being seized with extraordinary fits, the parents, &c. concluded it bewitch'd. Away the Mother runs to a cunning Man, who advised her to hang a bottle of the child's water, mix'd with some of its hair, close stopt, over the fire; and that the Witch would come and break it. —— What followed I cannot learn: but one Richards, a poor old Woman in the adjoining parish of Witham-Frary, was suspected; and on Sept. 28th was dragg'd out of her house, having a fit of an ague, put astride on the pomel of a saddle, and carry'd 2 miles to a mill-pond, and with her legs ty'd together, her upper cloaths stripp'd off, and a rope about her middle, thrown into the water, amidst 200 Spectators. They affirm she swam like a cork, tho' forced under the water several times; and no wonder, for when they strained the rope, she must of necessity rise. Being haled from one bank to another, and plunged several times, she drank water enough; and when they found her almost spent, they poured in brandy to revive her, then dragged her to a stable, and threw her in the horse-litter, where in about an hour she expired. —— The Coroner did his utmost to discover the ringleaders: but tho' the fact was so publick, and above 40 assisting in plunging her; yet neither the Miller, or any other could be brought to know any of their neighbours there present. There appears an universal satisfaction, that the old Witch is destroy'd. There is a gang ready to attempt any mischief to an Informer: and lately the legs of a cow were cut off, which, as they likewise give out, was done by witchcraft. *D J.*

We hear that the 2d Part of Bp. Burnet's History of his own Times is now in the Press, and will be published in a month or 5 weeks. *F.* —— *This is contradicted by an advertisement dated from* the Temple, 16 Jan. *part of which follows*, The only Copies of that History are in my custody, without the possibility of a surreptitious Copy (at least of the *Second Volume.*) And when the same is to be published, the circumstances of the Family require, that it should be by subscription; of which there will be full and due notice given. T. BURNETT. *D J. Jan.* 18.

MONDAY, *Jan* 18.

Yesterday the rev. Dr. Clark preached before their Majesties, &c. and the rev. Dr. Birch before his Highness the Duke, &c. *C. P.*

Saturday Edw. Williams, Esq; was sworn into the place of Groom of his Majesty's removing wardrobe *P.* —The rev. Dr. Day, not Mr. Amproux. is presented to the living of Stanford Rivers in Essex. *D P.*

Yesterday the E. of Thomond and Sir Will. Wyndham came to town from Bath. *P.* —— They write from Lancashire, that they had a greater and deeper snow there lately, than for above 20 years *D P.*

Friday night, between 10 an 11, a Gentleman coming over the 5 fields at Chelsea, was robb'd of his gold watch, &c. by 3 Foot-pads, who used him in a most barbarous manner. *P.* —— Saturday night Mr. Wenn, the King's Pipe-maker, was knock'd down in Chelsea-fields by 4 Foot pads, beat in a barbarous manner, and robb'd of hat, watch, rings, and money. *C.* about 8. *D P.* —— *I believe* the King's Pipe-maker *is the* Gentleman *mentioned above.*

The same night a notorious Gaming-house, called the New Phenix, in he Hay market, was searched by virtue of a Warrant under the hands of Sir John Gonson, &c. Several of the Gamesters made their escape over the tops of houses; but 9 were taken. One a Horse Grenadier, was bound in 200 l. penalty, to play no more at unlawful games; and 3 were committed to Tothill fields Bridewell to hard labour. *D J.* To beat hemp. *D P.* —— Sir John *seems perfectly to understand* the laws of gaming; *and shews these* Gentlemen extraordinary good play.

Saturday General Compton, Lieut. of the Tower, went to visit Mr. Kelly, who is in a very bad state of health. The Physicians attribute his illness intirely to his confinement, and are of opinion, that nothing but change of air, and exercise, can possibly do him any service. *D J.* —— *A lingering death is worse than hanging.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 19.

We hear that at the last meeting of the *Royal Society*, was read a very curious letter to *Martyn Folkes*, Esq; in defence of Mr. *Cheselden*'s intended operation on the drum of the ear of a condemned Malefactor, which, we hear, will be printed. In the mean time the following Extract of that discourse, we hope, will be acceptable to the publick. — The Author first observes, this skin, commonly called the drum of the ear, is not the organ of hearing, as is vulgarly thought; for the proof of which he offers a great number of reasons and observations of his own, as well as the opinions and reasons of the most learned and judicious Anatomists. He then observes, there are two passages to the organs of hearing; one by the outward ear, the other through the back part of the mouth, through which some people can hear, who cannot hear through the outward ear. In this case he supposes the sound may be interrupted by the drum of the ear, which is seated in this passage, and being diseased, may hinder sounds from passing to the internal parts, where are seated the proper organs of hearing: in this case only, he supposes, that perforating the drum may prove a remedy for deafness, as depressing the crystaline humour of the eye, vulgarly called couching a Cataract, is daily found to be a remedy for blindness; and yet that operation has been as indecently and ignorantly ridiculed, as this experiment of Mr. *Cheselden*'s; One Writer against that operation not scrupling to give his book the following title, A NEW METHOD OF RECOVERING THE SIGHT, BY PUTTING OUT THE EYE. He also observes, that the situation of the drum is such, that the operation may be easily made by a skilful person; and it being a very thin skin, he presumes it will not be very painful; and if so, the person who is to undergo the experiment will purchase his life upon very easy terms: but supposing it should be very painful, (which it is hoped it will not be) on whom can the first experiment be so fitly made, for the service of mankind, as on one whose life is already forfeited to the publick? *C.*

Sunday the D. of Argyle took the Sacrament at St. Martin's Church in the fields, to qualify himself for the Place of Governor of Portsmouth. *D P.* —— Ralph Radcliffe and Tho. Palmer, Esqs; stand Candidates for Bridgewater, &c. *Ibid.*

Yesterday the Coroner's Jury made a further search into the nature of the murder of Mary Mirin, and found a piece of a knife under her left breast, and several wounds not before discovered: and sent a Warrant to Newgate, to detain John Chaple for the murder, &c. *P.* His tryal is put off till next Sessions. *D J.*

The same day the King's most excellent Majesty was chosen Governor, the R. H. Sir Rob. Sutton, Sub-Governor, and Sir Bibye Lake, Bar. Deputy Governor of the Royal African Company. *Ibid.*

Stamford, Jan. 12. Last saturday died in an hospital in this town, Rob. Britlow, in the 105 th year of his age: he had lost his hearing but had his sight and senses to the last. *E P.*

Saturday morning died of an apoplectick fit, at his house in Red-Lion square Edw. Fellows, Esq; Brother to the late Sir John Fellows, Bar. &c. 4 *Ev.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 20.

We hear that the Right Rev. Dr. Smalbroke, Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, is to hold his living in Gloucestershire, worth about 400 l. per ann. for 2 years. *D P.*

A machine is making by a Person in Covent-garden, in which the head of Charles Rey, the Malefactor, is to be fixed, in order to make an experiment on the drum of his ear. *Ibid.*

His R. Highness the D. of Cumberland, who has been very much indisposed, being now recovered, rode out yesterday for the benefit of the Air. *P.*

Last night the Sessions ended for Middlesex, when 2 received sentence of death, viz. Will. Maynee, for altering and erating endorsements on Bank-notes, and Alex. Russel, for a Street robbery. *C. P. D J.* 3 were burnt in the hand, and five ordered to be whipt, and about thirty ordered for transportation. *D J.*

A treaty of marriage is on foot between Smith Carrington, Esq; a Warwickshire Gentleman of near 3000 l. per annum, and Miss Englefeld, sister to Sir Henry Englefeld of Whitenights in Berks, Bart. a very agreeable young Lady of a considerable fortune. *D P.*

Yesterday morning died at his Habitation in Bloomsbury Square, Walker Weldon, Esq; a Kentish gentleman. *Ibid.*

Several parts of the northern roads were so cover'd with snow, that the Scotch Peers and Commoners, in their way to Parliament, were obliged to alight from their coaches, and walk many miles in a day on foot; and in some places the snow was so deep, that fifty men were employ'd at a time to remove it, to make the roads passable. *Ibid.*

From the Pegasus in Grub-street.

To morrow morning, we hear, that the Election for an Assistant-Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is appointed to be at Goldsmith's-hall, Foster-lane: The following is a list of the Surgeons that stand Candidates, viz. Mr. Holloway, Mr. Scrafton, Mr. Tuttee, Mr. Nourse, Mr. Blagden, Mr. Badger, Mr. Fullagar, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Pierce.

An Epitaph on the late rev. Mr. Will. Rollo, *of Stamford in Lincolnshire.*

HERE lies the Man who liv'd and dy'd obscure,
And, tho' a learn'd and able preacher —— poor:
Say, how was this? —— He had no private ends,
Then how should L——s and B——s be his friends?

A learned Member, whose countenance and conscience are very unlike, the one being too hard, and the other too tender, has for some time absented himself from our meetings; complaining that there is too great incouragement given in them to scandal and defamation. Tho' this is a very severe and unjust Reflection, as shall be shewn at large hereafter, yet we do not greatly resent it, because we verily believe it proceeds from his conscience. For since conscience, as is generally agreed, is situated either in the head, or in the stomach, between which there is a constant communication, the constitution of it depends very much upon the emptiness or fullness of either. The conscience of Nonjurors, Non-Cons, &c and of every lesser Party of men, is much affected by the emptiness of the head, in the opinion of the greater. And it is unluckily observed, that when either by conviction, or conformity, the vacuities of the stomach are well filled, those of the head are rather increased than diminished. So that when the knawings in the former are asswaged by good eating and drinking, the latter is subject to violent pains, vertigoes, deliriums, &c.——The conscience of those worthy Members of our Society, commonly call'd *Hackney Scribblers*, is chiefly determined by the vacuity of the stomach; tho' their cases of conscience are generally complicated, and proceed from a double vacuum: of which one is the cause of *Gravitation*, and the other of the *Fuga vacui*, two contrary philosophical principles, which in them are always consistent.

As it is impossible to fill up the highest of these empty spaces, and as the case of the Gentleman hinted at above, is certainly complicated, tho' he is sensible only of the lower vacuity; we shall in compassion to his circumstances, and in compliance with his desires, endeavour to procure him some supply for it, by recommending his character and his works to the Public.

He is a Person of great morality and religion, which he has shewn by several Pieces, particularly of late, by a Burlesque of Priors *Dove*, and a Translation of a Tale called *Geron*: in the latter of which he has manifested his zeal against Popery, by exposing in the plainest terms the *Leak* discover'd by a Popish Priest; tho' he might as well have father'd the story upon some Protestant Lay Eloper from his Wife.

As a zealous Protestant, he is a great admirer of the reformed custom of singing Psalms in rhime: not according to the old version modernized, and accommodated to the humour of the present age, nor according to the new versions of Nahum Tate, &c. but according to the true, genuine, ancient version of Tho. Sternhold, and John Hopkins, &c. which has been now long excluded out of a many Churches, to the great prejudice of the congregations. In order therefore to supply the want of this way of edification and to prepare the minds of young people for the restoration of it in the next age: he has proposed to publish a Book by subscription, intitled *Science veil'd*, or *Philosophy in Masquerade, consisting of* 50 *select moral Tales and Fables attempted in familiar verse*, &c. Which *familiar verse* is an imitation of the *meeter* of Mr. Sternhold, and Mr. Hopkins, tho' chiefly of the former: whose verses generally consisted of 7 feet each; whereas the latter more frequently wrote in verses of 4 and 3 feet each, rhimeing alternately. But let the *Mythological Poet* speak for himself.

In a wide Forest on a Rock an Eagle built her nest;
There laid six Eggs of beauteous Form, which their high birth confest.
Within the shade of a tall Oak, which to the Rock adjoin'd,
A Crow too laid six homely Eggs, according to her kind.

We don't doubt but the whole Work is agreeable to the Specimen; which we unanimously assert to be *familiar verse*, according to the Proposal, and as such very proper for *the early instruction, and innocent amusement of young Gentlemen and Ladies.* —— A Printer of our Society, a great admirer of the new invention of printing with blocks, which, he says, are types most suitable to the generality of modern Authors, was of opinion, that an impression of this Work, done with blocks on Ginger-bread, would be very acceptable, since nothing could contribute more to *the early instruction, and innocent amusement of young* Boys and Girls. He said he had consulted several Mothers and Aunts upon this subject, who highly approved this method of instruction, which nourish'd at once both the body and the mind; and declared, that they would subscribe themselves for a large quantity, and promote the subscription to the utmost of their power.

One of the Society having objected against the *Hymn to the Laureat*, printed in the *Whitehall Evening Post*, *Jan.* 9, as improper and prophane, the word *Hymn* signifying properly a Poem to be sung in honour of the Object of worship: it was answered, that it signified likewise a Poem to the honour of any eminent Person; that it was frequently address'd to Persons in great Posts, and sometimes to Posts themselves; which had been done by a learned member Mr. Daniel De Foe, in his celebrated *Hymn to the Pillory.*

On the two Doctors going to law about Mr. Hurdman's *death.*

TO Hurdman, who expir'd before the Term,
Thus Themis promis'd to repair his harm:
Courage, my Son; one action on the case
The fates allow thee, after thy decease:
For at the Bar the Doctors shall appear
Thy ghost, and to the Law refund their fees:
A law-suit thus, from my Attorney's death
Shall spring, as serpents from the dragon's teeth.

Epitaph on Mrs. Oldfield.

Hic jacet Anna Oldfield.
Jam mea peracta est;
Mox vestra agetur Fabula:
Vos valete & plaudite.

This evening Mr. Theob. Cibber's Play, called the Lover, was acted, which proved a Trage-comedy, both in itself, and in the consequences, it occasioning the drawing of blood in the Pit. The Success was so dubious, that it was uncertain, whether the hisses or the claps were more numerous. The Epilogue was received with universal applause, either because it was the conclusion, or because of the truths told him in it by his Wife.

Edinburgh, Jan. 7. At a meeting of the Society for propagating Christian knowledge, the Officers for the year ensuing were chosen; and it appear'd, that the Stock amounts to 12,563 l. 12 s. and 5 d. and the Schools erected and proposed to be settled are 102, and the Society resolved to employ 3 Missionaries to instruct the Heathens in America, on the borders of New England, &c *D P. Jan.* 19. —— *Jan.* 12. Last night died of the Small-Pox James E. of Anley, a hopeful young Nobleman, married not a month ago to a virtuous and beautiful young Lady, daughter of my Lord Dun. *Ibid. P.* 19.

Dublin. Jan. 2. Letters from Birr give an account, that several of the Pretender's men, or rather French Recruits, &c. were discovered, and committed to the strong goal of that Town to the number of 20 or 30. The Person who inticed them to inlist is made off, notwithstanding the authority he at first pretended he had &c. *C.* the authority it was at first presumed he had *D P. D J. Jan.* 14. —— *Jan.* 9. The Fellows listed for the French service being assembled in a great body to go on board a ship near Bullock, an information was given to the Lords Justices; upon which a great guard of horse and foot were dispatch'd to apprehend them; but they were shipp'd off and sailed: however, as the men of war are ordered out after them, 'tis not doubted but they will be brought back again. *D P. Jan.* 19. —— *I doubt it very much.*

Williamsburg in Virginia, Octob. 3. The Negroes of this Colony have, in several parts of the Country, had meetings and disorderly cabals, which gave cause of suspicion they had some ill designs: the upon several of them were taken up and punish'd; and the militia in the several Counties were order'd to watch the motion of the Negroes, and keep them in order; accordingly, they keep guard, and patrole in parties two or three nights in a week throughout the Colony; and when they find any of them stroling from their quarters, without a note from their masters or overseers, they whip them severely. By this and such like means, they have been kept in good order, till last week, when his Honour the Governor had letters, informing him, that a considerable body of them were got together in Norfolk County, and had threatened the lives of some Gentlemen, The ringleaders are taken and imprison'd, in order to be try'd for their lives. This uneasiness among the slaves, 'tis thought, was occasion'd by a sailor, who said, in the hearing of some of them, that the King of England had order'd they should be all set free. 'Tis well if this dies without some bloodshed: however, for fear of the worst, the militia all over the Colony are frequently exercis'd, and his Honour the Governor has been pleas'd to review some of them at their county musters. *D J.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

Thursday, *Jan.* 14.

Yesterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Constantinople, Nov. 17. N. S. The new Sultan shews a particular regard to justice, having declared that all such men of the Law, as shall behave in their offices with partiality, or be proved guilty of any other notorious Mal-practice, shall be put to death. This declaration has gained him the hearts of all his Subjects. *C.*

Petersburgh, Dec. 27. We have received certain advice from Constantinople, that a Peace between the Porte and Persia is in great forwardness, confirm'd by letters from Gen. Lewaschau, the Governor of Derbent, assuring us that Preliminaries are settled between Prince Thamas and the Bashaw of Babylon, and a cessation of arms agreed upon, 'till the return of a courier from Constantinople. *P. D J.*

Venice, Dec. 29. Our last letters from Constantinople advise, that the late Aga of the Janisaries was fled to the Morea; that the Mufti was seized and strangled 2 days journey from Constantinople; that the son of the depos'd Sultan was shut up in the 7 towers, &c. *D J.*

Rome, Dec. 30. We learn from Benevento, that the people are more and more irritated against Card. Coscia, having taken down his arms from the Archiepiscopal Palace, trampled them under foot, and thrown them about the streets, and would have set fire to his Palace, if M. Bondelmonte had not prevented them. *Ibid.*

Venice. Jan. 6. We hear the new Sultan had conferred on the Author of the late tumult the government of Nizza, together with the Dignity of a Bassa of 3 Horse Tails. *E P. WE.* —*Vienna. Jan.* 6. Our Letters from Constantinople say, that the Author of the late tumult, after having great honours and dignities heaped on him by the Sultan, upon coming to the Seraglio, by his invitation, had been massacred with 200 of his adherents. 4 *Ev.*

Friday, *Jan.* 15.

Moscow, Dec. 12. By the Treaty of commerce, which the Duke of Liria concluded here, it is stipulated, That all Muscovite ships, whether Men of war or Merchant men, shall be received in the ports of Spain upon the same foot as those of other nations: that such as bring pitch and tar, timber fit to build ships with, or other commodities of use in the Navy, shall pay but very low duties; and that the Spanish ships which shall trade to Muscovy, shall enjoy the same liberty and Franchises. *C.* —— *Dec.* 25. The army of Pr. Thamas is commanded by a General, who is also his Prime Minister, and is a man of great intrepidity and sagacity, a Native of Dagheston, of a low birth, and known by the name of Thamas Kouli Kan, which he has taken upon him since his entering into Pr. Thamas's service. This name signifies the Kan or slave of Pr. Thamas; and it was he who entirely defeated the party of the Usurper Ezref, and the Persians call him the restorer of Persia. *D J.*

Saturday, *Jan.* 16.

Rotterdam, Jan. 19. It is in every one's mouth here, that an accommodation is as good as made between the Emperor and Spain, upon condition that his Catholick Majesty shall send but 4000 Spaniards to Tuscany; and the want of the other 2000 shall be supplyed by the Guaranty of the Emperor and the 3 allies of Spain, who by this solemn and mutual Guaranty will secure the succession to Don Carlos. Moreover, the said Allies are to guaranty to the Emperor, that Spain shall never directly or indirectly increase the number of those national Troops. *P.*

Extract of a private Letter from Paris. —— The King applies himself with great assiduity to the affairs of the government, and has a very good notion of them. The Card. Minister spends 2 hours with his Majesty every day, to make him master of every thing step by step. The Princes of the blood are very quiet and do not concern themselves with any State-affairs, excepting that the D. of Orleans seldom misses the Council, and gives his opinion there with great applause. The D. du Maine is more particularly in the confidence of the King and the Cardinal. The Queen never concerns herself with the affairs of the government, but takes care of her children who are in perfect health. *P.*

Monday, *Jan.* 18.

Saturday arrived the Mail from Holland, *and yesterday those from* France *and* Flanders.

Paris, Jan. 24. It is written from Morlaix in Lower Bretagne, that in the night between the 11th and 12th, a fire broke out in the hospital, situate in the middle of that place, whereby the whole town was burnt down,

—40 Celeſtine Monks at Bourdeaux were lately ound dead in their beds: and after the ſtricteſt enquiry, it was believed they were poiſoned by drinking wine out of a cask, which being ſince ſtaved, a dead viper was found in it, ſuppoſed to have got in at the Bung-hole, when they gave the caſks vent, to prevent their burſting with the wine. *C P.*

—The D. de Sully, who has had the Small pox with 2 of his daughters, returned hither ſome days ago with his family, all perfectly recovered, without making uſe of a Phyſician or Phyſick. *P.* ——— We begin now to entertain great hopes of a ſpeedy accommodation. We are aſſured that the Miniſters of Great Britain and their High-Mightineſſes follow the Court to Marly, where a grand Conference is to be held between all the Miniſters of the Seville Allies, and Couriers kept in readineſs, to be diſpatch'd to their ſeveral Courts, to notify what ſhall be there concluded on. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 19.

Hague, Jan. 21. We hear that the Prince Naſſau Orange, Stadholder of Guelderland, &c. is fell ill of the Small-pox at Leeuwarde. *D P.*

Warſaw, Jan. 3. The D of Liria, Ambaſſador of Spain, is arrived here. His Majeſty received him with great marks of diſtinction, &c. *D J.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 20.

Rome, Dec. 30. N. S. The Chevalier de S. George, with the Princeſs his Spouſe, and his Sons, went to wiſh a merry Chriſtmas and happy new year to his Holineſs, who receiv'd them with a great deal of eſteem and affection, and order'd the Lord Steward of his houſhold to regale them with a ſumptuous banquet. *P.*

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